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Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

Message from Sandra Doorley

I Oppose James Moore's Release on Parole

This coming April, James Moore is scheduled to be interviewed by the Parole Board for possible release consideration. James Moore admitted to these heinous crimes when he pled guilty to the murder and rape of 14-year-old Pamela Moss in 1962.

This community has tragically witnessed unspeakable homicides through the years. Many of us will never forget Pamela Moss and the horrific actions committed by James Moore.

James Moore confessed to the murder and rape of young Pamela. Prior to sentencing, Moore agreed to spend the rest of his life in prison to avoid the death penalty — an arrangement authorized by the victim's grieving family so they would be assured that Moore would never again live life outside the Department of Corrections.

Changes in New York State law, however, have unjustifiably allowed Mr. Moore the opportunity to annul this sentence agreement and seek his freedom. He has served 58 years of his life sentence, not nearly enough time for the pain and torment he inflicted on young Pamela and her family.

This is why my District Attorney predecessors and I continue to advocate for Pamela and her family. As a prosecutor, I call for truth in sentencing. For the victims, for the families, for justice. If a defendant, especially one who committed brutal and vicious acts like James Moore, agrees to life in the Department of Corrections without parole, he should serve life without parole.

I implore every member of the community, friends and family of Pamela, to join me in signing the petition below. Our strong opposition will show the Parole Board that James Moore should not be entitled to life outside the Department of Corrections.

<https://www.monroecounty.gov/da-moore-petition>

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Homicide Update

So far in 2022:

City of Rochester Total: 3

Monroe County Total: 3

Monroe County Heroin Task Force Update

2021

Total Reported ODs: 649

Total Fatalities: 130

Highlights from the MCDA's Office

Kenneth Nixon Jr. was arraigned on Attempted Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer, Menacing a Police Officer and Reckless Endangerment in the 1st Degree. Judge Morris set bail at \$30,000 cash, \$90,000 bond and \$90,000 partially secured bond. Prosecution requested \$100,000 cash, \$250,000 bond, \$500,000 partially secured bond. A Preliminary Hearing is set for January 25, 2022. This case will be prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Shamari Quick and **Quentin Riviere** were indicted on Burglary in the 2nd Degree in relation to a burglary occurring on January 6, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kristin Sippel, of the Major Felony Bureau.

The trial for **Anthony Love** will continue into next week. Anthony Love has been charged with Murder in the 2nd Degree in relation to the murder of 3-year-old Kei'mere Marshall. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sara Vanstrydonck, Chief of the Special Victims Unit and Assistant District Attorney Amanda Balling, Deputy Chief of the Special Victims Unit.

Demetris Coleman was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd Degree in relation to events occurring on July 28, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Hyatt, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau.

25-year-old **Nicholas Serret** pled guilty to Manslaughter in the 1st Degree for the July 22, 2020 homicide of Shaqur Nesmith in the City of Rochester. Nicholas Serret will serve 20 years in the New York State Department of Corrections plus 5 years of post-release supervision. On July 22, 2020, Nicholas Serret drove by the corner of Jay Street and Orchard Street in the City of Rochester, where he identified Shaqur Nesmith. Shaqur Nesmith later died from his injuries at Strong Memorial Hospital. The Rochester Police Department immediately began investigating the homicide and arrested Nicholas Serret the following October. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Rachel Clark, Deputy Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

Tahkela Moore was indicted on Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger, Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Intoxicated; BAC .08 or more in relation to a motor vehicle incident on November 3, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Timothy Boucher, of the Felony DWI Bureau.

Dawntaya Harris was indicted on Assault in the 2nd Degree and Strangulation in the 2nd Degree in relation to events occurring on January 2, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Adam VanHeyst, of the Major Felony Bureau.

On Wednesday, January 19, 2022, a Monroe County Grand Jury indictment was unsealed, charging **Ronn Keitt-Smith** with Murder in the 2nd Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree in relation to shooting death of Issaiha Mathis at Cobbs Hill Park on September 11, 2020. Following the unsealing of the indictment, Ronn Keitt-Smith was arraigned in front of New York State Supreme Court Justice Alex Renzi. Ronn Keitt-Smith is being held No Bail, No Release, as he is currently serving a 5 year sentence in the New York State Department of Corrections for a previous felony conviction. The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Jennifer Kennedy, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

Berna Roberson and **Antwain Parker** were indicted on Robbery in the 2nd Degree relation to a robbery occurring on January 11, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Caranante, of the Major Felony Bureau.

Donnie Brown was indicted on Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2nd Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th Degree in relation to events occurring on January 10, 2022. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Merrick Sadler, of the Special Investigations Bureau.

MCDA in the News

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-admits-to-pulling-trigger-in-fatal-drive-by-shooting-in-rochester>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/rochester-man-pleads-guilty-to-homicide-in-july-2020-jay-and-orchard-shooting/6362611/>

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2020/07/23/rochester-ny-homicide-shot-corner-jay-and-orchard-streets/5492090002/>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/man-accused-of-shooting-man-at-rochester-park-indicted-for-murder>

<https://www.rochesterfirst.com/crime/murder-charge-for-man-in-fatal-2020-shooting-at-cobbs-hill-park-in-rochester/>

<https://www.whec.com/rochester-new-york-news/police-inmate-charged-with-murder-for-2020-shooting-near-cobbs-hill-park/6363766/>

<https://currently.att.yahoo.com/att/man-charged-2020-shooting-death-185644608.html>

<https://13wham.com/news/local/doctor-neighbor-testify-in-trial-of-rochester-man-accused-of-fatally-beating-boy-3>

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdny/pr/former-rochester-pawn-shop-owner-pleads-guilty-selling-stolen-goods>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/public-safety/2022/01/19/monroe-county-announces-increased-security-at-civic-center-garage>



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